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Attorney General John Ashcroft, U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I believe the litigation against Microsoft should have ended long ago. Microsoft is a victim of political interest groups that have little bearing on our economy, and these special interests put their agenda above the public good. I am glad to see under the terms of the settlement that Microsoft will not be broken up, but I do think most of the penalties imposed are extremely unwarranted.

Microsoft spent a huge amount of money and time to develop the technology they did. They should be rewarded for the innovation they brought to the technology industry instead of punished. Bill Gates lived the American Dream and only worked by the rules our free market economy set for him. The fact that Microsoft must disclose internal interfaces to their competitors and create a uniform price list with computer makers is absurd.

I want to see this settlement, although flawed, become a reality as soon as possible so that our IT sector and economy can return to normal. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Kuhnemund*

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cc: Senator Rick Santorum

*P.S. Bill Gates  
represents what  
America offers to  
those with a good  
mind. How dare  
we try to punish  
him, his company,  
and our country for his  
being bright enough to be  
successful.*